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Captain Africa: The Battle for Egytica novel expands comic strip

Dwayne Ferguson, the artist and writer of the popular *Captain Africa* comic strip, which is read throughout the United States in several newspapers, has written and published a 120 page action-adventure novel entitled *Captain Africa: The Battle for Egytica*.

The story is set in a futuristic Africa where there is very little racism left in the world. But there is a malignantly evil premonitionary creature calling himself Teret Supreme who wants to ravage the earth for his own purposes, revealed Ferguson from his company office at African Prince Productions in New Jersey. "The

main character, Prince Naje M'wini, is a young man bored to death with being royalty so he decides to live his life up by doing dangerous jobs for the Afringard (Intracontinental police) as the masked warrior, Captain Africa. In his travels he, also known as the Falcon's Shadow, comes across a case where several bizarre murders have taken place and accepts the assignment to track the killer or killers down. From there on, it's a roller coaster ride of non-stop power. I call it 'new-jack action' as when you read it, buckle up into your couch and bolt the furniture to the floor...Captain Africa's gonna kick it!"

Readers will find the book very interesting because Ferguson has written portions of it in an experimental style where two people, who are having a conversation, sometimes speak within the same paragraph instead of on different lines.

No newcomer to the world of print, Dwayne is also the author and illustrator of the best-selling comic book series *Hamster Vice* which made its world-wide debut in 1986. To date, the series has sold over one quarter million



Dwayne Ferguson, creator of Captain Africa

copies in fourteen issues, two of them of which are in 3-D. "Hamster Vice is very fun to work on because it's a comedy about animal narcotics cops who bust drug-dealing insect 'chops," Ferguson mentioned.

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African-American protest of Persian Gulf No blood for oil

by Gwen McKinney

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — The last active duty task for ex-Air Force Sergeant Mike Bowden was to bring home body bags of Marines killed in the Beirut bombing in October 1983. Today Bowden is mobilizing anti-war activists in Philadelphia.

Larry Moore of Milwaukee recently organized a press conference against the Persian Gulf deployment on the same spot where a 17-year-old boy had been killed a week earlier during a dispute over a leather jacket. The press conference message: "Bring the troops home. End violence in the Middle East. Combat the causes of violence in our community."

Linda Stouts, with the Piedmont Peace Project in rural North Carolina, was astounded to learn that two-thirds of one \$0.30 barrel at a recent meeting had a loved one in the desert. One man, a recent recruit of the organization, revealed that two brothers, two brother-in-laws and a sister have been shipped off to Saudi Arabia.

Leonard McNeil, a 45-year-old Vietnam war resister who

spent 1968 through 1970 in Canada is engulfed these days in the demand of counseling hundreds of young men and women who are confronting a

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Newark city employees get leave with pay to go to Gulf

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James has issued an executive order granting all municipal employees, who are called to active duty during the Middle East crisis, a paid leave of absence. During this period—up to 180 calendar days—the employees are entitled to a salary equal to the difference between their military pay and municipal salary, according to the directive.

"I strongly believe that employees called for active military

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Deck the halls not your kids

Preparations for the holidays are beginning earlier each year. It's no wonder we find ourselves feeling more harried as the seasonal clock ticks away those last precious moments to Hanukkah and Christmas Eve. The prolonged pressures of finding just the right gift for everyone on your list, house-cleaning, cooking and baking, arranging travel plans or planning for out-of-town guests take their toll on the already overloaded lives of adults attempting to balance career, family and social engagements.

Many young children, caught up in the exuberance and frenzy of holiday preparations may become more sensitive to their parents' heightened sense of anxiety by responding with out-of-control behavior. They may cling and whine more, demand more of your time, become easily excitable and less in control. All at a time when your own coping behavior might be at a low point. The more "stressed out" you become.

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Villani applauds MTV ban on Madonna video

NEWARK—Newark Councilman-at-Large, Marie L. Villani applauded the recent decision by MTV not to broadcast Madonna's latest video, "Justify My Love." Villani remarked, "It's about time someone put the reins to Madonna. Her anti-religion, anti-morality videos — as offensive as they are, have been shown in spite of public objections. But now, she has gone too far — to the point of offending even the sensi-

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Newark businessman and show host, Gus Henningburg is joined by Mayor David N. Dinkins as "Positively Black," WNBC-TV's longest running public affairs show celebrated its 20th anniversary at a star studded reception, hosted by Mayor and Mrs. Dinkins recently at Gracie Mansion. The reception was sponsored by Anheuser-Busch and Dankers Trust Co.

Ferguson's appeal planned as new lawyers take over case

by Kelly McCoy

EDISON—Last month a Woodbridge law firm agreed to represent, free of charge, James Ferguson in an appeal of a murder conviction. Sixteen year old James Ferguson was convicted of killing Steven Fulcher, another teen, after a high school dance at Edison High School. Ferguson, who was 14 at the time of the murder was tried as an adult and sentenced to 30 years in prison without parole.

Auntney Barry Albin, of Willetz, Goldman & Spitzer, has chosen to take on the appeal

Let's make a deal

by William Reed

War, what is it good for? For us, absolutely nothing! Throughout history, war's only friend has been the undertaker. Unless U.S. President George Bush refrains from his desire for war-making in the Persian Gulf, far too many African-American parents and families will be making arrangements with a friendly undertaker while the rich and mighty continue their feeding off our lives, labor and taxes. As we go to a war fought and paid for by the wealthy sheikhs of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the similarly rich Seven Sisters (oil companies) of the world, Black families should be asking now, "what is it that we will get out of the deal?"

The entire Persian Gulf and Middle East situation provides graphic illustrations of the inequity of the Anglo mentality, black and white relationships around the world and the continual gap between the haves and have-nots. In the U.S., Bush refuses to sign Civil Rights legislation to allow Blacks a better chance of being, and moving up,

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because "We were approached by members of the community who felt that the manner in which the case was handled was harsh. We are familiar with the handling of similar cases and something has gone wrong. You have a 14 year-old charged and the circumstances are unique. This is a tragedy all the way around," explained Albin. The appeal will be based significantly on the case having been tried in the adult courts instead of the juvenile courts. "Experts in psychology say he is an excellent candidate for rehabilitation. The adult system is just a mere warehouse," states Albin. Ethel Fulcher, mother of the deceased youth reacted strongly against news of the appeal. "He [Ferguson] got what was coming. There should not be an appeal." However, supporters of Ferguson feel differently. After news of Willetz, Goldman & Spitzer handling the case, the public has called and sent favorable letters praising the firm for their efforts.

On October 7, 1988, Fulcher, allegedly attacked Ferguson outside Edison High School where both attended school. Ferguson

was 14-years-old at the time, weighed 110 lbs. and was about 5'7" tall.

Ferguson had been sent from his home in Newark to Edison to live with his grandmother in the predominantly white community so that he could have educational advantages.

Ferguson had been an honor student at Newark Boys Chorus School. He had no criminal record, no history of violence and was well liked by both peers and teachers. But his mother feared for his safety in Newark.

According to eyewitnesses, Ferguson had been with a group of friends, including both white and black youngsters. One of the white youngsters had been attacked by a white youth from another group and Ferguson had intervened and stopped the fight.

Then Steven Fulcher, age 17 and a trained wrestler weighing about 160 lbs. started yelling racial epithets at Ferguson and then charged him. Steven, according to later medical reports, had been intoxicated at the time.

Reports say that Fulcher struck Ferguson and knocked him to

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Rice criticizes auto dealers for resisting anti-theft devices

TRENTON—The sponsor of legislation in the Senate that would require cars sold for more than \$5,000 to have anti-theft devices criticized the lobbying and trade organization that represents the auto dealers on Monday for fighting against the bill.

Senator Ronald Rice, D-Essex, author of the anti-crime measure, said the New Jersey Auto Dealers Association was ignoring the alarming rate of auto thefts in the state by its resistance to the bill.

"I am appalled at the number of cars stolen in the state and the crime spree that often follow," said Senator Rice. "Car theft is

more than a property crime. It is often accompanied by serious accidents or violent crimes against innocent people."

Senator Rice pointed to recent tragedies in which three sisters were killed in Newark when the auto dealers are resisting such a common-sense, anti-crime plan, said Senator Rice. "The requirement wouldn't put New Jersey dealers at a competitive disadvantage."

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Companies debate workforce diversity

EDISON—Affirmative action was a thing of the past at a conference sponsored by the Partnership for New Jersey today. That because this assemblage of 123 officials from a variety of major New Jersey corporations agreed that companies need to move beyond simply attracting qualified minority and female employees. This step is a necessary but not sufficient in the eyes of today's human resources experts. They believe that business must strive to retain these groups and create workplaces in which they can thrive.

Workforce 2000, a study released by the Hudson Institute, predicts that in the year 2000, only 15% of the workers entering the labor force will be white men. Moreover, labor will be in shorter supply, because the population is growing at half the rate it did in the 1950's. Women will make up half the work force by the mid 1990's. Increasing diversity is foreshadowed in today's New Jersey school population which includes native speakers of more than 100 languages, 43 in Elizabeth alone.

Such statistics, argued the

panelists at the Managing Diversity conference at the Clarion Towers in Edison, mean that in order to compete — not merely to be good citizens — companies will have to recognize and manage the increasingly diverse characteristics of the labor force.

What New Jersey's businesses have actually done to foster cultures in which employees' differences are exploited as a competi-

tive edge is less certain. In November, the Partnership conducted a survey of its members, who are considered among the State's more progressive employers, and found that only 12 of 35 respondents currently offer management training specifically tailored to meeting the needs of a complex work force. But more companies are planning to begin programs in the near future.

Can a change in the weather make you sick?

by H. Timothy Dembrowski, DO

After a week of golden Indian summer, the temperature suddenly drops to 40 degrees. The familiar refrain starts: "I got a cold from this change in the weather."

Did the quick shift cause a cold? Do seasonal variations really affect health? To separate facts from myths, it is appropriate to examine the common cold,

whose onset is often blamed on the weather. Without the introduction of a virus into the body—most often the rhinovirus—cold symptoms cannot occur. Temperature changes do not cause colds, but the virus thrives in a cold temperature. If the temperature of the nasal area is cool, it will provide a favorable environment for the virus to grow.

The virus, which is not air-

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CITY PEOPLE

People on the move...

Fifteen Jersey State College students have been named "Outstanding Young Women of America" for 1990-91 announced Dr. Marica Cirincione, dean of students. Selected for the honor are: **Michelle Costello**, Theano Delis, Kathy Dilks, Rita Fitzgerald, Anne-Marie Lesny, Xiao-Ming Liu, and Maria Pia Mancini of Jersey; April Booker of Westfield; Hollis France of Newark; **Justine Hyle** of Bayonne; **Kathy Kacmarcik** of Wallington; **Sandra Mirchandani** and **Mariana Ruiz** of Union City; **Colleen Phillips** of Willingboro; and **Denise Tavarone** of Edison. Ellis S. Vieser, president of the New Jersey Alliance for Action, has been selected as the 1990 recipient of the American Society of Civil Engineers Citizen Engineer Award for Zone 1 (Northeast Region of U.S.), ASCE-NJ President Ralph E. Dinkla has announced. Eighteen Jersey City State College students have been named to "Who's Who Among Student in American Universities and Colleges" for 1991 announced Dr. Marica Cirincione, dean of students at JCS. Students named are: **Desiree Aliyas**, **Marcos Azab**, **Melissa Bentley**, **John David, Theano Delis**, **John Fortunato**, **John Fritz**, **Jose Rivera**, **Terri Rynat**, **Matthew Sutton**, and **Delby Wong** of Jersey City; **Nadia Astolfi** of North Bergen; **Irene Fitzpatrick** and **Sandra Mirchandani** of Union City; **Andres Hebaio** of West New York; **Nurs L. Jones** of Plainfield; **Rebekah Quarter** of Ridgely Park; and **Janice Stilus** of Kearny. Mayor **Sharpe James** announced that he has re-appointed **Calvin West**, one of his aides, to serve on the National Organization on Disability committee for the third consecutive year. **Dorothea Griggs-Thompson** of Edison, successful director of 21 years for the Volunteer Services Department at JFK Medical Center in Edison, has been selected a recipient of the third annual 1990 New Jersey Volunteer Administration of the Year Award. The award, sponsored by the Governor's Office of Volunteerism, recognizes outstanding professionalism in the field of volunteer administration.

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Mayor Cardell Cooper presents a proclamation to Frederick Stalks, Chairman of the Newark Frontiers Vililgo Committee, Incorporated, applauding the efforts of the Newark Club of Frontiers International in its campaign to increase public awareness for the skin disorder vitiligo.

Quote of the Week

A man's bread and butter is only insured when he works for it.

Marcus Garvey

Will you help?

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Friendly Shut-In Council is in need of help to assemble and deliver Christmas fruit baskets to the many shut-ins in the Plainfield area. The Council will meet at the Atkins Park Recreation Center, located on the corner of West Third Street and Plainfield Avenue, on Wednesday, December 19, 1990 at eleven o'clock in the morning.

The Plainfield Shut-In Council is one of the oldest service groups providing fruit offerings to shut-ins, handicapped, and patients in nursing homes in the Plainfield area.

All the fruit provided by the Shut-In Council is purchased through donations from Plainfield residents as well as church and civic organizations. The council is still accepting donations. Mail donation to the Shut-In Council, c/o Plainfield Division of Recreation, City Hall, 515 Watchung Ave. Plainfield, NJ 07060.

All volunteers should call the Recreation office, at 753-3097 for information concerning the December 19, 1990 delivery schedule.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

PLAINFIELD—Celebrate Kwanzaa Expo '90 with the New Jersey Kwanzaa Committee at Cross of Life Lutheran Church from 7:00 to 12:00 p.m. For more information call 593-2254.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

CRANFORD—Union County College's men's hall of the Owl Classic will get underway at the Owl face Brookdale Community College, Lincroft at 8:00 p.m. in the Cranford gym. The women's tournament begins on the 28th with Essex County College of Maryland facing Manhattan Community College of NY at 2:00 p.m. All games are open to the public.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

NORTH PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Glee and Turn-Variety will hold its annual New Year's Eve Party at 9:00 p.m. in Sanger Hall. Admission price includes cold buffet, hits, noisemakers, and one free drink to welcome 1991 while you dance to the music of Paul Koehler. Call 232-4743 or 356-0477 for reservations.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

CRANFORD—David Burden, a bio-technology consultant who conducts regional training programs in the genetic engineering area, will lead a four-day course, "Bio-Molecular Techniques," until January 11th at Union County College. For information, call 709-7801 or 247-0556.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

CRANFORD—Union County College will conduct an Adult Open House from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Tonasulo Art Gallery, Cranford Campus, for adults interested in going or returning to college. For information call 709-7518.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

CRANFORD—Union County College's Biology Department will offer a new three-credit course, "Topics in Biology: Infectious Diseases," during the spring semester which begins Jan. 15. For information, call Prof. William Dunscombe at 709-7570 or the Admissions Hotline at 709-7500.

FREELHOLD—The "Songs of Christmas" will be presented by the Shrewsbury

Choirs in a concert of choral music for the holidays at 8:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. For information call 747-4582.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

PLAINFIELD—Friends of the Plainfield Public Library presents Children's Card and Board Games with Instruction. Reservations necessary in advance. Program is free of charge. Call 757-1111.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

PLAINFIELD—Jennie Bryson, Jazz Singer, Piano and Drums will appear at the Plainfield Public Library, West Eight and Park Avenue. Admission is free. For information call 757-1111.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

JERSEY CITY—"Amazing Magnets" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hagburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

JERSEY CITY—"Rain or Shine" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hagburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

JERSEY CITY—"Up, Up, and Away" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hagburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

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Mandela's clock keeps on ticking

by Daniel Marlen

(NNPA)—Is political change just around the corner in South Africa? You bet!

Time moves ever forward toward success or overcoming. Time and tide wait for no man, says an old adage. How true... But there's a time limit to everything. And Nelson Mandela will not live forever, who will? None! But 72-year-old Mandela wants to liberate South Africa during his lifetime.

Now, ten months have come and gone since President de Klerk dragged Nelson Mandela out of Verster jail on February 11, ten months ago...

All the world watched lanky, graying and handsome Nelson Mandela emerge from his 27.5 years' incarceration, buoyant and defiant. The world roared its tumultuous welcome and approval.

Rice criticizes auto dealers

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vantage because it would apply to cars registered in the state, regardless of where they were bought."

Senator Rice noted that auto thefts in 1987 and 1988 totaled \$357 million.

"The only ones who benefit from the high cost of auto thefts are dealers who are able to sell new cars," said Senator Rice. "Every time a car is written off by the insurance companies, the owner is forced to buy a new or replacement vehicle."

The Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee declined to approve the bill after lobbyists for the dealers acted in opposition.

Senator Rice said that he will continue to work for enactment of the bill and he urges the public to pressure auto dealers to drop their resistance.

"The high auto theft rate contributes to expensive insurance coverage," stressed Senator Rice. "Anti-theft devices are readily available at reasonable prices."

Senator Rice's bill would allow motorists to deduct up to \$500 from their taxes to cover the cost of the equipment.

African-American protest

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new twist on the old theme 'hell no we won't go!'

Pat Bryant has led caravans through about 37 communities in the Gulf Coast and black belt South. Forming human barricades at gas pumps, their battle cry is boldly "No blacks for oil!"

This is the stuff that grass-roots movements are made of. In African-American communities across the nation, a growing tide of opposition to the Persian Gulf war is building, fueled by the disproportionate deployment of black people on the frontlines and the ever increasing economic hardships at home.

Approximately 30 percent of Army forces are African-American and Hispanic. Both groups also form the majority of soldiers in frontline and combat positions. While Blacks are less than 13 percent of the population, recent data indicates that they could potentially compose a quarter of the 410,000 soldiers deployed in the Gulf.

Budget analysts estimate that maintaining the troops in the Gulf will cost about \$30 billion in fiscal year 1991, amounting to \$82 million a day. That figure does not include the cost of combat.

"This isn't our fight," lamented in the Persian Gulf," laments Bowden, who works with a Philadelphia anti-war coalition. "When the brothers and sisters come home and take off their uniforms, all they can look forward to is homicide, homelessness and drugs."

Recent opinion polls indicate the African-Americans form the largest core of opposition to President Bush's policy in the Persian Gulf. The protests are expected to intensify.

Demonstrations are planned across the country on January 15 to mark the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

That date ironically authorizes the use of force against Iraq if it does not withdraw from Kuwait.

of his program to intensify the fight against apartheid. That thunderous roar of approval resounded from Africa to Sweden, Great Britain, Canada, the United States, India, Japan, Australia, and infinitum.

Yes, ten months ago the world was gripped by the euphoria of Mandela's release. That event signaled the end of South Africa's orgy of apartheid, and heralded the demise of white domination. It also signaled the advent of non-racial democracy in a land which has never tasted it for a third of a millennium of white-black contact.

But, "Tick-tock, tick-tock," ticked Mandela's clock after his release. The world rejoiced, hoping democracy which was sweeping violently around the world had at long last come to South Africa. President de Klerk who had promised mankind the moon, dillydallied, vacillated, played Russian Roulette with Mandela. De Klerk didn't live up to his promise to negotiate with the black leaders toward ending the scourge of apartheid and ushering a free society.

The clock continued to tick and tick. But, still, de Klerk wavered, changed his mind, nibbled at apartheid's labyrinthine past sins and atrocities, but didn't end

apartheid. Meanwhile the Blacks grew impatient.

Time did not stand still. And apartheid's sins brought in their train tribal faction fights, Afrikaner-perpetrated black-on-black conflicts, versus township dwellers chasing and hacking each other to death in the ghetto alleys. A reign of terror gripped the world's richest gold and diamond mining country...

"Tick-tock, tick-tock," continued Mandela's clock. But, still, no negotiations, indaba and end to the senseless inhuman massacres. De Klerk turned to Mandela and begged him to stop the faction fights. (As though Mandela was the head of state!) Now, Mandela feels betrayed, perplexed and disillusioned. He feels that it is de Klerk's duty to maintain law and order. But de Klerk tries to switch the blame for disorder on the Blacks. But Mandela cautions him, "Torpedo apartheid, not its victims!"

Mandela is frustrated beyond comprehension over the wasted time that could have been used to democratize South Africa. Mandela remembers the tumultuous standing ovations that he received after addressing the U.S. Joint Houses of Congress and the U.N. General Assembly. He also remembers receiving India's highest

civilian honor, the Bharat Ratna, at the Presidential Palace in New Delhi.

Mandela now wonders whether or not he can succeed against Afrikanerdom where Mahatma Gandhi failed in his youth

Nelson, Roche and Carter sponsors "Toys for Tots"

On Thursday, December 20th, from 6:00 p.m. until midnight the law firm of Nelson, Roche & Carter will host its annual "toys for tots" Christmas party at the Terrace Ballroom at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street.

This year, Nelson, Roche & Carter is proud to announce the participation of WNYR radio station as a co-host. In addition to live broadcasting, various radio celebrities will be present to add to the excitement of the gala.

Last year the firm's successful effort resulted in the donation of over a thousand toys to several local charities. For the third year Newark Symphony Hall has assisted in the firm's endeavors to give toys to children.

Admission to the event is one new and unwrapped toy. Upwards

of 1000 people are expected to attend, as the firm has advertised this affair on local radio stations and has sent out thousands of invitations, said Roche and Carter.

"We hope to make this the biggest and best 'toys for tots' drive in the state. Our goal is to brighten up this Christmas for the children of our community. Christmas is for them. We realize, however that we can not do this alone. There are thousands of generous anonymous donors who will help to make this event successful and we are most appreciative."

The firm will target a broad cross-section of multi-ethnic charities for toy distribution. In the spirit of giving Nelson, Roche & Carter will try to reach as many children in Essex County and the surrounding areas as possible.

The evening will feature live entertainment by Mammagault & Adams, D.J. Kim and a scrumptious buffet. For more information regarding this event call 673-3700.

and reviving apartheid in...more subtle and sinister guises. But the happiest augury is that Nelson Mandela is ready to fight on against white domination to the bitter end. His clock ticks on and on...

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Editorial

Saving our young, black males

Where have all the young boys gone? These are not the lyrics to a song but the awful realization that to be black and male in this country is to have a 50% chance of surviving.

In recent history, there was a young boy shot in the back by a white police officer while his hands were raised; two boys have been hunted by packs of white youths and killed; one young man has been sentenced to 30 years in jail for defending himself against a boy 3 years older and 50 lbs heavier than he. Five boys have been convicted in the Central Park jogger case where no evidence has been produced to link any of them with the crime. And finally, as if the streets were not enough to deal with, our President sits comfortably in DC mouthing rhetoric and sending hundreds of thousands of young men of which 25% are minority to the Persian Gulf to fight for oil.

This litany does not account for the thousands of young blacks who don't make the headlines.

Something is wrong when these types of situations keep occurring more frequently while very few see the pattern or the deliberate manner in which our youth are being destroyed.

Why don't our young men have the educational tools necessary to equip them with job and life skills? Where are the school administrators and faculty? What is their responsibility? Where are the community centers for our young men? What do they have to do except stand around? Where are the recreational facilities where they can go for constructive activities?

Where are you, parents? Where is your guidance, your discipline, your comfort?

Some parents may say, "It's too late." Some may say, "Not my Johnny. I don't allow him to run around with those other kids."

Well, it's never too late to give a young person hope for a brighter future. There are numerous success stories where young men have redirected their lives to become responsible adults.

As far as thinking your son is safe, you should realize that it only takes being in the wrong place at the wrong time for your son to become a victim of racism—that vicious element that destroys our youth and our future.

Let's make a deal

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In the workplace while he willingly accepts his out-of-work youth to die for rich people's interests in a land 8,000 miles away. In the super-rich Gulf States area, there is ample proof that what African-Americans in the Desert Shields operations are being protesting is years of chattel slavery of other Blacks who've been used in the palaces of the ruling families of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. And in the broader Middle East our ally, the State of Israel, has broken as many rules as Iraq is accused of, and has been an occupying force in Southern Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza Strip with impunity for years. While war may be good for everyone he has a vested economic and real estate interest. African-Americans can even get a job or fair share in their own land and are expected to put [their lives on the line to protect the lands of the sheikhs, oil companies and the military

occupations of the Israeli. As we go to protect the economic claims of rulers from here to there, when we African-Americans demand that we get a better deal from oil companies, the Administration and Congress?

Don't Black Americans need a better deal than to have our young die in far-away wars and then to return to a status-quo and ongoing rejection in this country? Don't the Palestinians need a better deal to be held captive by Israel in their own lands? If we go to war, shouldn't the dark-skinned people who have been held in the Gulf States' slave trade be given a better deal than to be unwilling slaves, servants and concubines

territory? And if we are being fair, doesn't Iraq need a better deal for access to waterways and oil fields that at one time were part of their territory?

The war that President Bush continues to seek is for maintenance of cheap oil to fuel the industries of Anglo countries, to put the barrels of the kings and princes of the Gulf States back in place and to keep Israel as the unchallenged war and political force in the Middle East. The war that Bush seeks means absolutely nothing to the lives, progress or justice of African-Americans. The war that Bush will make, at \$40 million a day, has nothing to do with democracy, liberty or freedom for us, nor the millions of dark-skinned people who are trying to survive in the Middle East.

So, what good is the coming war for the African-American community? Absolutely nothing! We, like Saddam Hussein and most of the Arabs, have been treated to a double standard by the same people who are now seeking that of lay down our lives for them. Isn't it time that African-Americans people form a broad united front demanding that the Congress, the White House and the lying mass media stop the war and start to give us a better deal regarding our lives and living in America? War is not what African-Americans need or want.

A collective plan of inclusion to build broader economic development in our commercial corridors, businesses and housing is the type of intervention that most African-Americans are seeking in preference to a war that means absolutely nothing to us.

by Connie Woodruff

New Jerseyans have little to be jolly about at Christmas 1990.

Many of our loved ones are in the Persian Gulf to protect. God knows what. We are inundated with new taxes, facing rising costs in health depression is already here.

Governor Jim Florio already knows is facing his toughest battle as a politician trying to bring order out of chaos.

But you've got to admit the man has courage and just plain guts. He's heading a state wallowing in problems and must display the leadership qualities that will give the millions of his constituents hope of a better tomorrow.

Florio has managed to raise the ire of anti-tax advocates who are suggesting everything from hanging to recall. That cry has come from ordinary citizens.

This week he ventured into the never, never precincts of the politically powerful who dispense the patronage puffers and no doubt in these hallowed grounds he will really feel the brunt of dissection.

Like two of his predecessors, Governor Byrne and Kean, Jim Florio will try to determine how to make N.J. government lean and efficient through the merger or abolition of several Cabinet departments. After trying with the idea Byrne and Kean perished the thought when the political pressure was applied.

You see, no politician wants to be considered a "one termer." It is not good for the ego and one fate after the State House in Trenton.

As of now, the talk is not about merging banking and insurance, higher education and education and commerce and labor. There is also talk of eliminating the Department of State and that will bring women out of the woodwork in support of the female Secretary of State, Joan Abasco.

As for the other departments, some political heads are bound to roll as the governor faces the challenge of naming persons to head the merged cabinet posts.

Even King Solomon would shudder at this one.

Meantime, there is a glimmer of hope when people like Gordon May to emerge to take on the "establishment."

Gordon is the principal of Floyd Patterson High school in Newark. As a former elementary and high school teacher he became a principal the old-fashioned way.

by Marian Wright Edelman

(NNPA)—What do an Air Force general and a top diplomat have in common—besides being Black and female?

They are Spelman College graduates, for one thing, and the highest-ranked women in their respective fields.

Spelman has educated many successful, outstanding members of our communities. One alumnae, Brigadier General Marcille Harris was recently promoted to general in the U.S. Air Force. This mother of two is the vice commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. She is the first Black female Air Force general and helps manage 26,000 workers in the maintenance of various military aircraft and mis-

sioned way - earned it despite many unpopular stands against the status quo.

Mr. Mayes has been one of the few professionals to take issue with the most recent report on Newark schools issued through the Dept. of Education.

I have known him since the early 1960s when he was fresh out of college, idealistic and committed to a higher quality of education for Newark children. He has never veered from his chosen course and is still a thorn in the side on Newark Boards of Education as well as administration.

He does not believe local



schools as providing a "through and efficient education." He does believe the Newark community is being abused and betrayed by the school system, a "problem that has existed for years," he says.

Gordon has always been outspoken, courageous and fearless. (Probably protected by tenure.) For whatever reason, the heart of the revolutionary still beats and he has no fear of naming the "inept, flunkies and cronies" as well as to talk about the "rampant nepotism" he describes as "running wild."

Through the years colleagues and others have branded him a

"kook," "crazy" and other unmentionable names. But he has ploughed on trying to do his bit and now he's taken on John Ellis, the new commissioner of education.

Gordon Mayes' article in the "Education Forum" section of the Sunday, December 14, 1990 edition of the Star-Ledger, is thoughtful reading for advocates of "through an efficient" education and for anyone who is concerned about how and where our education dollars are going now and in the future.



Linking the top to the bottom is essential and economical

The "white male syndrome" in the United States has its ill gotten gains. Global monetary power of the United States has been diminishing at a rapid rate since 1970. The World Market Capitalization, or where the money is, has been falling in the United States in 1970. In 1990, the United States owns only 34.5%. This nearly 50% loss in the World Market Capitalization did not, however, dent the ungodly dollars doled out to those who make the top decisions of major American corporations. A stronghold of the "white male."

In fact they are still at the top of the pay bracket for total remunerations for chief executive officers of the world over, in spite of their obvious inability to protect America's business leadership. This lack of American ability to grow and provide jobs is a major reason why African Americans, and especially low-skilled teenagers, are unemployed at catastrophic levels.

The average American chief executive officer's total remuneration, including cash, benefits, perks and long-term incentives is \$633,000 a year, accord-

ing to a survey by Towers Perrin, specialists in international compensation. Compared to Japanese chief executive officers of only \$308,000. Which by the way have moved money in the World Market Capitalization from less than five percent (4.4) in 1970 to 31% in 1990!

The ability of the Japanese to work as one country and one company one for all and all for one has given them their current rewards. Team spirit is what gives so many companies an edge over their competitors. It has been said. Since those in superior positions in American corporate board rooms do not accept all Americans as part of their team, they are bound to keep on losing in the global marketplace.

African Americans' greatest gift to the United States is its young people. Putting today's teenagers to work in what will help bring America back up to its past success in the marketplace. African American teenager experienced increased unemployment between the first and second quarter of 1990. Their hidden

unemployment was 56.3% for males and 52.1% for females in the second quarter, according to the National Urban League research department. Deviation between African Americans and white Americans is increasing negatively in general. African American unemployment rate of 11.4% not only was higher than last quarter, but also an increase in unemployment in service jobs from white American unemployment. Unless the greed at the top of the corporate ladder is lessened and put in line with at least world market rates, the U.S. is going to continue to be headed for ruin. Racism is no escape from inapplicable mismanagement and ill gotten gains.

The facts are that the chief executive officers of America's corporations have done a poor job in past years. Standard and Poor's 500 corporations will report operating earnings on an average per share basis back to the 1987 level at the end of 1990. That is the wrong direction for those overpaid United States chief executive officers (white male only) at the expense of the unemployed poor.

Child Watch...

The lure and promise of black colleges

Another Spelman graduate, Aurelia Brazili, is the highest ranking Black woman officer in the foreign service, and was recently nominated by President Bush to serve as the next U.S. envoy to the Federated States of Micronesia. She is a 22-year State Department veteran, and currently serves as minister counselor of Economic Affairs for the American Embassy in Tokyo.

I am extremely proud of their professional achievement. Hundreds of my Spelman sisters are breaking new ground and paving the way for hundreds more who will enter the world prepared to fulfill their goals. Spelman's respected faculty motivates many bright, hardworking young women to pursue the unlimited opportunities available with a college education.

While I am partial to Spel-

man, there are over 100 Black colleges from which young men and women can choose. Black higher education institutions are seeing a substantial increase in enrollment, which is promising. According to John White of the University of North Carolina in Asheville, "There is less racial tension (at historically Black schools)." And there is an atmosphere especially fosters achievement among Blacks," he adds.

Despite increasing enrollment rates, Black colleges - especially lesser-known institutions - have difficulty attracting faculty. About one-third of the nearly 20,000 Black faculty teach at Black colleges. Fewer than one-sixth are fulltime professors and the rest are assistant or associate professors.

This is disturbing news for young people who choose to at-

tend historically Black colleges. Future students may discover their higher education options limited through the lack of Black educators.

Whatever the future outcome may be, today we must insure that every child is prepared for and has the opportunity to attend college. A college degree can open some doors, but it won't guarantee success. Hard work and perseverance - as Marcille Harris and Aurelia Brazili have shown us - will get you somewhere.

I am excited at the prospect of future college graduates becoming role models for subsequent generations. Through their examples, our children will appreciate the value of higher education. But they are going to have to sweat and toil and pray and help to get the next generation of Blacks where these graduates are today.

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CAN'T TOUCH THIS!

Joeski Love is back as Joe Cool

by Terry Benjamin

Joeski Love (Joe Roper, Jr.) is brought back to public consideration by Hurby "Love Bug" Azor, the musical force behind Kid-N-Play, Salt-N-Pepa, Dana Dane, and Kwame. Like the aforementioned artists, Joeski Love doesn't drop any heavy messages on "Joe Cool," his debut album on Columbia records. The creator of a single that celebrated Pee Wee Herman a few years ago, Joeski Love reunites with a collection of tunes about life, love, and girls but not necessarily in that order.

Self-proclaimed "leader of new school rap," Joeski Love is out to reestablish himself with tracks like "Wild Child" that puts all other rappers on notice: "Smothering competition like a pillow! Think I'm done that's when I still go and flow like an Egyptian barge on the Nile! Don't cramp my style cause I'm a real wild child." Using the fast rapping style so popular today, Joeski Love proves his versatility: "I keep goin' 'flowin' and showin' versatile styles on my name keeps growin'! Larger than life sharp as a knife always precise! You think you can hang? You live in a fool's paradise! Don't mess with me, I'm the epitome! said before you'll never get rid of me."

A party rapper from way back, Joeski Love is out to have a good time, showing off his smooth rapping style on cuts like "Swing": "I flow like water smooth and steadily! Collect the thoughts, home boy, get ready! You see I'm about to go into a thing! With just a little help of a go-go swing."

Joeski Love likes dancing and romancing the ladies. But another type of love that is found throughout this LP is the self-love that Joeski Love puts through his boasting and bragging, especially on "Get 'Em Joe" where he brags:



Back on the road again nothing can stop me
Down with Hurb and the Idol Makers posse
Roll with the rhythm give 'em what they pay for
Waited, anticipated, and I laid for
My turn again to make you swing
Cause you never give up on a good thing

Joeski Love
Rock Wu Joeski

Light skinned, slim, and my
raps ain't weak
And you can tell that I'm live
Ho to ho blow for blow Joe's
good to go

Ya know I'm no slouch though
champs be gots!
I get real hyper active when I
sing this song

Self-love is also in full bloom
on "Joe Cool," a duet with
Kwame; they agree that Joeski
Love is "Joe Cool! Light skinned
lover making girls drool."

In a further exploration of the
Joe The Lover theme, "Kik In
Flavor" offers some autobiographical
material: "My mother's only
child that means I'm spoiled! The

prince of rap and that means
royal."

When this rapper is not talking
about himself he is talking
about girls. "Mr Broadway" is a
message to wayward females on
the road to self-destruction:

To be a star you have to act
like one
You can't go around gettin'
done

Have self-respect before you
get respect
A broken rep leads to no respect

You can use your body to get
into a party
Then one somebody a piece
of your body.

"I know She Likes Joe" is
about all the female admirers of
Joeski Love: "I see girls every-
where lookin' hot to troll'm
feelin' like a kid in a candy
shop! Scheming with the crew or
all by myself! See I know I got a
girl but I'm not leavin' her."

Using a sample from Hugh
Masekela's "Grazing In The
Grass," a jazz instrumental,
"Everyday Thing" details a day in
the life of a superstar rapper
named Joeski Love that begins
with an alarm clock in the morn-
ing, bathing with Zest, and
brushing with Crest. Also:
"dodging girls on my way, look-
ing for a bang," stopped by a cop
who wants an autograph, and a
hassle at a department store.

The day ends with some fun
at a night club. All this is pre-
sented in Joeski's laid back rap
style with female background vo-
cals.

Joeski Love announces his
comeback on "Rock Wu Joeski,"
a boasting dance track that has
this rapper playfully aggressive:
"Now let's drop
the bomb! Rhythms go on and on
and on! Won't stop 'til the break of
dawn! Cause it's like that! I'm not a
new Jack."

"Livin' Large In The Nine-
tees" is a rap symphony featur-
ing members of the 5th Platoon
along with Joeski Love. Although
5th Platoon rappers Nugget and
Al Prentice have a lot to say,
Joeski Love has the last word:

Ladies they love me like
ladies love Mande's
Hard like steel but I'm
sweeter than candy

Hard on the mike cause I'm
on the brink
Of drinkin' a sucker down
like a grape drink

And as for the dope rhymes
you know where you can find
them
In my book cause Joe is large
in the 90's.

With "Joe Cool," Joeski Love
shows that comebacks in rap are
possible with good material and
innovative producers like Hurby
Azor and The Invinibles. Joeski
Love is back, giving rap fans
something to appreciate.



Herman Redd, left, director of the engineering office of ESL, a subsidiary of TRW, Shrewsbury defense electronic firm, talks about technological careers with, from second left, Anthony Dobbins, a senior at Shabazz High School, Newark; Long Branch High School Juniors Luis Carrero and Sonia Patrick, and Edward Belfield, a junior at Eastside High School Paterson. The students were among some 250 high school upper-classmen who met with representatives from a wide range of career fields at AHANA (African, Hispanic, Asian, Native American) Students' Day at Monmouth College Dec. 5, the Educational Opportunity Fund Office at Monmouth College sponsored the daylong program.

Youth resource guide available free of charge to Hudson County residents

The Youth Resource Guide is a comprehensive directory of organizations in Hudson, Essex, and Bergen counties which provide services for youth. The guide was funded by a grant from the March of Dimes and Jersey City State College.

The 31-page directory is divided into six service categories: crisis intervention, mental health and counseling, recreational and community services, AIDS services, substance abuse, and community health and family planning. Organizations are listed according to the services they provide.

Each directory entry includes the organization's name, address, and telephone number, and specific information on its services, programs, fees, eligibility requirements, and insurance plan acceptance.

To obtain a copy of the Youth Resource Guide or for further information call Dr. Gail Gordon, associate professor of health sciences, at (201) 547-3432.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Hint: The Holidays Celebrated in December

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nsata	hamuhkak
haronem	idolyha

Answers to last week's word scramble:

rain, humidity, snow, fog, clouds, hail, wind, storm, temperature, sleet

What is Kwanzaa?

In the word search below, find 7 principles celebrated during Kwanzaa.

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The 7 principles in Nguzo Saba

ummoja, unity; kujichagulia, self-determination; ujima, collective work and responsibility; ujumaa, cooperative economics; nia, purpose; kuuumba, creativity; imani, faith



Holy Family School of Plainfield had its Christmas Program on Thursday, December 6th. The Eighth Grade performed the play "Where Love Is, There Is God" adapted from, a Short Story by Joe Tolstoy, and the rest of the school sang Christmas Carols. Four hundred parents attended.

Captain Africa

The Captain Africa: The Battle for Egyptia project, over one year in the making, has a full color laminated cover, measures 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, has 120 pages, and retails for \$7.95.

"We've been experiencing heavy ordering activity from comic distributors, specialty book stores, international distributors, and individuals. I think we may have another hit on our hands," reported Ashley Willis, marketing director for the company. "Hamster Vice consistently sells well at comic book conventions and the fans always bring stacks of the books for Dwayne to sign. I think it's because the books make people feel good and laugh, and that's what makes Dwayne's work popular. Anyone, regardless of age, who loves action will really enjoy his new novel."

Collectors will find the book especially interesting because it contains pin-ups by other popular African American comic book artists like Larry Stroman (Alien Legion and more), Darrell Gora (artist of Danse, written by Mark Wayne Harris), and will have several pages of the Captain Africa comic strip, which is car-

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ried by several newspapers, in the back. Also the introduction is by Gil Noble, producer and host of the award winning "Like It Is" series on ABC-TV.

Ferguson, 25, is currently finishing up the script for the motion picture starring Captain Africa entitled "Electric Crush." "We are finished with two cuts from the soundtrack so far and the others are being developed as we speak. We plan to begin shooting in late 1991."

"I think next year will be a very exciting one for African Prince Productions. Get ready for much more of Captain Africa to come your way very soon and look for information about the upcoming Captain Africa - said.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the novel can send \$9.95 (includes postage) to African Prince Productions P.O. Box 302 Somerville, NJ 08876. You can meet Dwayne at the Great Eastern Conventions Special Edition Comic Book Show in New York at the Penn Hotel January 12th and 13th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

DWAYNE FERGUSON

Captain Africa



RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

WASHINGTON—Services for the Christmas season at the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will begin with the prayer of the Rosary at 11:00 a.m. The Eucharistic Liturgy will follow at 11:30 a.m. From 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be Confessions, Vespers and a Benediction. For more information, call 699-1700 weekdays and 699-2319 weekends.

PLAINFIELD—A Christmas Eve "Carol and Candlelight" Service will feature Messiah Lutheran Church's celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at 8:00 p.m. Call 755-4555 for more information.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

WVOR-TV—The Most Reverend Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark, will celebrate the Christmas Mass on WVOR-TV, Channel 8, at 8:00 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

MORRISTOWN—Calvary Baptist Church will hold a New Year's Eve Watchnight Service at 10:30 p.m. at 10 Martin Luther King Jr. For additional information call 387-0136.

WASHINGTON—The Fathers and Sisters at the World Apostolate of Fatima entered a warm and sincere invitation to peoples of all faiths to come join in prayer and reflection on New Year's Eve at the beautiful and reposeful Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Services will begin at 9:00 p.m. For information, call 688-1700 weekdays and 688-2319 weekends.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

NEWARK—Newark Recreation and Cultural Affairs Division presents "Sing In Praise Of King," a three part tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. The series will begin at 3 p.m. at the First Zion Hill Baptist Church, 1-15 Leslie Street. It continues Sunday January 20, 3 p.m. at the Grace Episcopal Church, 950 Broad St. and concludes Sunday, January 27, 3 p.m. at the St. James AME Church, 588 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For additional information call Celeste Bateman 201-733-6454.

Parents should "take time out" during stressful holiday season

What goes wrong? Somehow, the imaginary picture of the perfect family enjoying the holidays together often ends up in chaos, a tear-stained disappointment for children and parents alike.

The pressure of keeping up family traditions gets to everybody. Parents end up with a list of things to do that is so long they forget why they're doing it. Children are asked to "be good" and "be quiet." And we all go through it to express love and a giving spirit.

"The holidays are a special time to be together and take time out to show we care about each other. We need to remember to put the family first, and not let the pressures turn love into anger," said Department of Human Services Commissioner and co-chair of New Jersey Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect Alan J. Gibbs.

The New Jersey Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect compiled a list of tips for parents on how to handle the stress of the holidays:

- Look at your list of things to do, cut it in half and assign tasks. You can't do a whole year of cleaning, visiting, shopping and cooking into two short weeks. The children will help, especially if you help them plan how to get it done.

- Plan a shopping budget before you make your first purchase and try to stick to it. Remember to include holiday meals and other expenses, so you don't get caught short.

- Try to think of "from the heart" gifts to give to give and get. Create family "gift certificates" for special time together or for doing extra chores. Suggest handmade crafts or children's art. Try writing special poems or stories about why you care about each other. Make "hand-me-downs" special with a ceremonial passing on of favorite toys from older to younger children.

- Ask your children, no matter what age, to make a "wish list" and to limit it to a few items.

It works. Older children understand what spending money

means, and young children can be taught to understand sharing.

Look for a new way to show the true spirit of the holiday. Every family has its own culture and its own ways to show love. What can you and your children do? Maybe each can give up a gift to allow a small family donation to a charity. Or perhaps you could volunteer, as a family, to work at a soup kitchen or nursing home.

"Tell your children when you're becoming overruled or overwhelmed. Listen when they give you the same message. Say out loud, 'I'm tired and crabby and need to take a break.' Ask them for help to feel better. Give them the chance to tell you when they feel the same way and offer to help them."

- If you know the holidays

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come, the more your children may "act out," the more they "act out," the more irritable you become. It's easy to see how families can fall into a self-feeding behavior loop.

Clearly it's time to take control of the holidays, rather than let the holidays take control of you. The New Jersey Chapter NCPA urges families to take time out to remember what the holidays are really about: Not the ladies in the frying pan or the candles burning in the Menorah; not the tinsel or the stack of presents under the tree; but families, friends and neighbors, living and working together, loving, sharing and caring for each other. "Peace on earth good will towards men" begins right in your own home.

Deck the halls, not your kids! This message was sponsored by the New Jersey Chapter - NCPA, reminding you that prevention is a promise to New Jersey's children. For more information about the Chapter, or to receive a free copy of TIPS FOR PARENTS and/or TIPS FOR SHOPPING WITH CHILDREN, contact the Chapter office at 201-643-3710.

make you feel lonely, team up with a friend. Trade baby-sitting with each other to allow for shopping or some private time. Plan a holiday meal together. You'll have fun, split the cost and share the cooking and cleaning.

The stress parents feel is very real and should be taken seriously and handled sensibly. Now is the time to talk to your children about the real meaning of your holiday season, and let them help to plan how to lift the spirit in ways other than shopping," said Dr. Martin Finkel, co-chair of the task force.

Parents who are feeling stress or who need someone to talk to about caring for their children can call the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect toll-free hotline at 1-800-THE KIDS.

Orange city remembers our service people

Orange—Mayor Brown of Orange has asked city employees with relatives and loved ones in the armed forces to join with the Salvation Army in remembering our service people this holiday season. City employees will be providing the names and addresses of service people so that they in turn can receive broomies, candles, and gifts for the holiday.

The Salvation Army Program entitled Project Broomie will coordinate the sending of goodies to the Middle East, according to one of the coordinators, Carolyn Morel. "It is important that we make every effort to show our support to our service men and women as they are far from home. Be it by mail or projects like this I encourage others to support the Salvation Army in this endeavor," commented Mayor Brown.

Early Bird Helping Hand Mission launches X-Mas fund raising drive

Non-profit group 'open for business' Bargain warehouse employs unique fundraising efforts:

As it is with many non-profit groups, money especially in the form of donations has been hard to come by. The onset of a recession and a newly structured tax code, resulting in fewer deductions, has caused less private dollars to be available for charitable contributions to non-profit organizations from the general public.

The Early Bird Helping Hand Mission, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance to eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, working families and youth has "Opened for Business" to counteract this trend. The Mission recently opened a Bargain Warehouse at 6 Augusta Street, (corner of Clinton Avenue) in Irvington, New Jersey. Vaguely modeled after the concept of a Salvation Army Thrift Store, the Bargain Warehouse raises funds by selling fine furniture and other unique items donated by various corporations and individuals. Currently, the Mission has 56 rooms of classic up quality furniture donated by Hilton Hotels on sale to the general public.

Open six days a week from 9 to 6, the Mission Warehouse offers living rooms, bedroom sets, dressers, brass lamps, mirrors, paintings, art pieces, coffee and tea tables, chairs, desks, drapes, refrigerators and one of a kind items. The Mission's Bargain Corner also offers great savings on t.v.'s, radios, stereos, speakers, vacuum, floor polishers, stuffed and ceramic animals, toys, novelties, sweatshirts and an array of other unique items donated by

both corporation and individuals. Rather than ask for monetary donations, we are seeking to raise funds during this X-mas season by offering great savings on quality merchandise. This method

is a sound business practice that raises much needed program funds from the public in exchange for high quality items stored Early Montgomery, President of the Mission.

It is the "Help Us To Help Others While Enjoying Great Saving For Yourself" concept that is working for us, especially during this holiday season stated George Zall, the Mission's Treasurer.

All to often, non-profit groups are run on a non-profit basis. More non-profits must find new and creative ways of raising funds. They must be run as a business with an eye on the bottom line," Zall continued.

Additionally, since the Mission is a tax deductible organization authorized under IRS laws to solicit public support, the general public can realize an excellent tax deduction through the donation of "quality" items, according to Mr. Montgomery. "Donations of household items, appliances, clothing, furniture, toys, used cars and vans is one of the few deductions left available to tax payers this year. If proper procedures are followed, the IRS will grant a reasonable allowance against taxes on donated items," the Mission President concluded.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

NEWARK—"Sing In Praise of King," a three-part musical tribute to the late, great civil rights champion, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be presented by the City of Newark's Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA). At 3:00 p.m. at the First Zion Hill Baptist Church, 1-15 Leslie Street. The second program, Sunday, January 20 3:00 p.m. at the Grace Episcopal Church, 950 Broad Street. The series concludes Sunday, January 27, 3:00 p.m. at St. James AME Church, 588 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Admission to all three events is free. For additional information please call Celeste Balleman 201-733-6454.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

MONTCLAIR—Native American Crafts Exhibition through March 3 in the College Art Gallery, Life Hall at Montclair State College. Admission is free. Call 201-959-5113 for further information.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents *Rauschig: Ancient Ales and Dances Suite No. 3* at Westfield High School. For information call 201-322-9400.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

NEW BRUNSWICK—Paul Robeson, Philip Hayes Dean's one-man drama starring Avery Brooks as the extraordinary artist and activist, returns for a three-performance engagement at the State Theatre to March 3rd. Presented by Crossroads Theatre Company. For reservations, call Ticket Central, 201-246-7459. Group sales, call Gary N. Johnson at 201-249-5581. Crossroads subscribers should call 201-249-5550 to reserve their seats.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents *Beethoven: Violin Concerto* at the Presbyterian Church. For information call 201-322-9400.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents *Mozart: Don Giovanni* at the Presbyterian Church. For information call 201-322-9400.

Holiday Happenings

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

MONTCLAIR—Dwayne J. Ferguson, author of the new novel *Captain Africa: The Battle for Egypt* and the artist of the comic strip by the same name, will present an art demonstration and sign the *Kuumba* (Swahili for creativity) candle as part of the Montclair Public Library's Kwanzaa celebration. Begins at 6:30 and admission is free.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library presents its *Pre-Kwanzaa Festival* at 7:00 in Central Hall. For more information, please call 733-7793.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEWARK—Yvonne New Year's Eve Celebration featuring the Cathedral Symphony Orchestra at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Starts at 8:00 p.m. For information call 484-4600.

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Kean-Brown announces 1991 Season of Great Performances

PLAINFIELD—Plans for the 1991 Theatre Season of Great Performances to be presented by Great Avenue Community Center and the National Black Touring Circuit from February 21 through May 5, 1991, were unveiled tonight at a gala reception in benefit of the season.

Harman Leven Jones, Artistic Director of the Community Center's Kean-Brown Center Stage at 403 West Seventh Street in Plainfield, described the artistic program of three major theatrical productions made possible by funding in part from the New Jersey State Arts Council, National Endowment For The Arts and Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation.

The season will open during Black History Month with the National Black Touring Circuit's gospel musical adaptation of God's Trombones, the classical literary work of James Weldon Johnson originally published in the 1920's.

Jones said, "We selected each of the productions in this season to help educate audiences of all ages to their heritage of cultural advances by African-American men and women. For instance, God's Trombones provides the opportunity to learn more about the artistic gifts of Johnson, best known as the author of the Black National Anthem."

Johnson was a diplomat, professor, songwriter, novelist and poet. He was the first Black to be admitted to the Florida Bar and served as Executive Secretary of the NAACP during the fight to abolish Jim Crow laws which curbed social mobility of Black citizens. As dramatized by National Black Touring Circuit's ensemble of actors and singers, God's Trombones is instilled with Johnson's fervent advocacy for racial equality. It expresses the tyranny of the Pharaohs of the world and the liberation of slaves from under their rule.

Johnson himself explained the genesis of his poetic anthology of Old and New Testament Bible Stories as told by Black preachers



Arma Puckrein, Grant Avenue Community Center President reads the proclamation from Mayor Harold Mitchell naming Ernie Scott "Plainfield Entertainer Of The Year," as Stuart Allen, Chairman of the Plainfield Cultural & Heritage Commission looks on. Carol Howell, featured soloist with Ric-Charles Choral Ensemble (far left), and Leo Coward, a musical director and vocal arranger for the National Black Touring Circuit provided entertainment during the gala reception honoring Scott at Swain Galleries Monday evening December 10th. Proceeds from the reception will benefit the 1991 Theatre Season of Great Performances to be presented by the Great Avenue Community Center and National Black Touring Circuit.

as the vision he had when he first watched a "handsome and gigantic, yet self-conscious preacher" electrify an audience and arouse "Hallelujah! and Amen!" He envisioned the preacher as a trombone "the instrument possessing above all others the power to express the wide and varied range of emotions encompassed by the human voice."

The two-act musical, derived from Johnson's text and directed by Woodie King, Jr., captures the colors, imagery, music, emotions and language of the original. The scoring, by Llewellyn Harrison, is a simple snapshot of a pulpit area in a church. The audience is the listening congregation. There is also a choir area where a quartet, the Jackson Family, sits.

Lex Monson, seasoned as a classical actor in roles such as "Othello" and "Macbeth" is the head minister in this gathering of preachers and singers who have come together in a special celebration of thankfulness to God.

Rheta Hughes, a veteran of six Broadway shows including a Tony nomination for "Best Actress" in *Ames* from 1966, plays the lead singer of the Jackson Family. In between the drama-sermons, Hughes and company make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Dianne McIntyre's subtle choreography gives the singing a greater energy level.

Musical Director Grenoldo Frazier's credits include: composer for *Mama I Want To Sing* with Desiree Coleman, and musical director for Jennifer Holliday's *Your Arms Too Short To Box With God* as well as *Michi Grant's Don't Bother Me I Can't Grant*.

God's Trombones will play five performances, beginning on Thursday and Friday, February 21 and 22 for two school-day matinees, evening performances on Friday and Saturday, and a Sunday matinee, February 24.

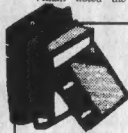
Madonna video banned

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bilities of MTV."

MTV is a cable television station that broadcasts almost exclusively, contemporary music videos featuring popular recording artists in elaborate musical productions that are often surrealistic or abstract presentations that dwell on sex and violence, and occasionally both. Madonna's latest video, exploiting eroticism, nudity, and sadomasochism is far more explicit than any of her other videos.

Villani noted the attention

given to the video on a "Nightline" telecast last week: "Here we have one of TV's most prestigious news and public affairs programs devoting a full program to this outrageous subject, and moreover, playing the video, uncensored, that had been banned from MTV. I wish they payed more attention to the damage done to youngsters from watching so much of this garbage - but of course, it was still 'sweeps month', and ratings came first."



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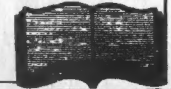
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duy and the families they leave behind should not have to face financial hardships while these individuals are off in the Saudi Arabian desert defending our country. That is why every effort will be made to provide them with the salary and benefits to which they are entitled," James stated.

While on active duty, the employees are entitled to health benefits, life insurance and pension coverage as if they were on a paid leave of absence, he noted.

At the conclusion of active duty, the employees will be entitled to return to their city positions with full seniority and benefits, the executive order states.

Currently Newark Police Officer Richard Allen is serving in the Persian Gulf. There are another 50 employees in the U.S. Armed Forces Reserves or National Guard, who might be called to serve in the Operation Desert Shield, according to John D'Auria, personnel director.

The Mayor's directive points out that the City of Newark "encourages its employees to serve in the Reserve and National Guard and recognizes the personal and economic sacrifices of its employees who are called to active duty during the Middle East crisis."

The order is retroactive to September 9, 1990.

Ferguson's appeal

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the ground, Ferguson got up. He had a knife with him according to the transcripts because he had often been threatened and his size made him an easy target.

According to witnesses, even though Ferguson could see the

knife, he charged Ferguson again. Ferguson struck Fulcher with his fist but Fulcher started twisting Ferguson into a wrestling hold so that Ferguson's hand was locked down to his chest. Fulcher pounded Ferguson in his back and

kidney area. Ferguson fought back trying to get free. During the struggle, Fulcher was stabbed three times. One of the wounds resulted in his death.

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Workforce diversity discussed (Continued from page 1)

At the conference, companies that have identified this issue as a critical one shared some of their responses to it.

Michael Slavage, Executive Vice President of Blue Cross/Blue Shield attributes a major corporate relocation to the changing work force.

His company is moving 2,300 employees to Newark, where many of its workers do or will live -- workers whom it will be less likely to reach from a suburban office park.

Linda Cardillo, Director of Corporate Human Resources at Schering Plough, said her company is debating whether to allow its employees to use their sick days to care for ill children or elderly parents.

Larry Cole, Vice President of Human Resources at Beneficial Corporation, noted that because his is a service company, it is important for its branch office employees to mirror their community.

In addition to an array of internship, management development and tuition reimbursement programs, Beneficial has taken some more creative steps. Amid some skepticism from management, it is piloting a "telecommuting" program which will enable selected employees to work two days per week from their homes. It has also begun rehiring retired workers and set up a job sharing program.

Managing diversity can cause its own problems. Many human resource experts say to expect a

backlash among white males, at least initially. Robert Croce, President of Eichen, said that when previously unrecognized talent becomes valued as the result of successful diversity programs, a state of promotions of minorities and women may follow, and other employees may feel skipped over.

Walter Trosin, Vice President of Strategy and Development at Merck & Company, related his company's success at raising the number of female "detail men" to over 50%. But an insurance executive noted that after his company dramatically increased the number of women in the ranks of its adjusters, management was criticized for making the position a "female job."

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From the Side Lines

Lee, Tyson, King were the real story

by Fern Taylor

I guess HBO was right by paying \$1 million for Alex Stewart.

Alex Stewart had his walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, and it was called Mike Tyson. Don was with him, because Stewart survived. Tyson was all about causing serious harm Saturday night in Atlantic City.

I was in no mood to see another short fight (will there ever be any more 14-round Ali-Frazier Thrilla's in Manila's with Tyson around?) but I was glad they stopped it. Tyson, muscles popping, head weaving and with look of a gladiator, was in no mood for play. No telling what might have happened had it gone longer.

Tyson is back, no doubt about it. The respect and fear that his opponents have for him in the ring is back. It's hard to imagine Tyson losing ever again. But his loss to "lay down against Holyfield and to sell for \$555 for his fight" Buster Douglas will always leave a smidgen of doubt in the minds of boxing fans.

Everybody knows what the real story was Saturday night — it sure wasn't the fight. It was the Spike Lee joint on Tyson and Don King. Provocative. Explosive. Without a doubt, a film made from an African-American point of view.

Lee should be applauded for giving a forum for Tyson and King to say what they wanted to say, even they wanted to say it. Home Box Office should also be applauded for giving Lee free reign as a producer. The majority of the media tends to give a biased view of both Tyson and King, leaning heavily towards the negative. The problem is that it wasn't all that believable, especially the ramblings of one Don King.

Don't get me wrong. A lot of King had to say was true. About

the attacks on Black men when they get in positions of power. About racism. I liked Tyson's statement about not being anti-White, but pro-Black.

But King's shady financial dealings and outright thievery from different boxers is well known. It tends to wear down his testimony. Tyson comes across as a young man heavily influenced by King and his doctrine of "don't hate me because I'm Black and successful."

It should be interesting to hear some of the things that will be written about Spike Lee's film short. I know one thing — it had to have a lot of people shaking in their boots. What they needed was Oprah Winfrey and her people to come in and air things out a little more, to promote more understanding about what King and

Tyson had to say. But, then again, maybe Spike wanted to leave it right where he did. Just like he did in Do the Right Thing.

Congratulations, Frank Cashen. The recent signing of Vince Coleman (4 years, nearly 12 million dollars) was a good move. Now their back up to four brothers on the team — Dwight Gooden, Daryl Boston, Alejandro Pena and Boston.

The Mets still have a long way to go to be a top World Series contender. If Cashen can sign a few more Coleman's, we won't have to ask "where have all the brothers gone" any more.

Changing weather

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Seasonal allergies follow the growth patterns of nature. Spring brings allergies induced by tree pollen, followed later by pollen from grasses and ragweed.

A reaction known as allergic rhinitis can be confused with cold symptoms. An inflammation of the nasal lining; it is induced by a substance to which the person is allergic and can cause a runny nose.

Certain illnesses follow a seasonal timetable, but the relationship to weather is unclear. January and February are the months when influenza reaches epidemic proportions. From March to June seems to be the time for chicken pox and measles.

In the summer months, we encounter a type of virus called enterovirus that lives in contaminated water and causes cold-like symptoms that people refer to as a "summer cold." Summer also is the time for mosquito-borne encephalitis and the infections of Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

December 17, 1990

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As much as I would like to thank each and every one of you personally, it would be physically impossible. Therefore, I hope you will accept this public letter in which I express my deepest gratitude for the strong vote of confidence you gave to me in the recent City Council election in Plainfield.

If you'll recall, I based my campaign on issues such as fiscal responsibility, accountability and reform, leadership, and citizen involvement. The by-product of all above, I believe, will put us well on the way to stable taxes, a reduction in crime, effective and efficient city services, economic development, and a better quality of life for all citizens of our lovely city.

In the short time that has elapsed since you elected me to be your Councilman At-Large, I've already had to make some tough, hard decisions. And more of these decisions will have to be made in the future. I'm beginning to understand what a famous politician meant when he replied "nobody said it would be easy, and nobody was right". But isn't that what you elected me to do? To help make the "right choice", to help "do the right thing"?

With your input and support, I will be able to make those decisions and vote for issues and programs that will be beneficial to you, the citizens of Plainfield. And I pledge to you that I will do my very best to insure that I am fully prepared to undertake the tasks and challenges that all City Council members face.

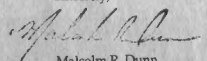
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Additionally, I hope that you can join us at our victory celebration so that I can personally thank you. The celebration, hosted by the "Friends of Malcolm R. Dunn", will be held on January 25, 1991, at 8:00 p.m., at the Grant Avenue Community Center (for ticket information call 757-5155 or 757-4721).

In closing, I only ask two things from you: your input and your involvement. I need you to let me know what your concerns are, so I invite you to call me so that we can schedule a convenient time for us to meet. Plainfield also needs your involvement, so be active, get involved with something Positive. I also urge you to attend a City Council meeting, at least once a month, so that you can be sure that your voice is heard. With the blending of these two elements, we, together, can make Plainfield a better place to live, work and raise our families. Isn't that what it's all about?

Once again, I sincerely thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,


Malcolm R. Dunn
Councilman-at-large

Ferguson Appeal

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as an adult. Youth are tried as an adult when the court feels that they cannot be rehabilitated in a reasonable period of time in a youth facility.

Ferguson was tried before an all-white jury which after deliberating 6 hours found Ferguson guilty of murder. Ferguson was recently sentenced to 30 years in prison without parole.

While Ferguson admits stabbing the teen, "The fact he you killed someone doesn't mean that you murdered. There is a difference between being responsible for killing someone and murdering. This will be another question raised in the appeal," stated Albini.

During the trial, Fulcher was described as an aggressive bully, who wrestled very well; an image Mrs. Fulcher refutes. "I can not believe all the comments that are being said about him. He was one of the best kids and everyone liked him. He played little league

for 10 years and taught wrestling to the children. I had no problem with him." Similarly witnesses attest to Ferguson's character by recounting what an outstanding Samaritan he was. In an appeal there will not be any further testimony, however an entire reference will be submitted that attests to Ferguson's character.

Lawyers for Ferguson feel that the community as well as society will be better served if the case is mandated to the juvenile system. If the conviction is overturned, and Ferguson is sentenced as a juvenile, he could receive a maximum of 20 years in a rehabilitation center where there is no mandatory minimum. "I believe in an eye for an eye. Thirty years isn't long enough. My son will never come back," stated Mrs. Fulcher.

In answer to why Ferguson was tried as an adult, Albini mentioned, "The Middlesex court public defender argued that the private attorney of Ferguson did not handle the manner completely and as a result Ferguson was waived to the adult courts." While many may perceive this as just one more in a series of racial incidents, the Fulcher family disagrees. "Steven was not a racist. He had a good friend that was 'colored'."

Albini hopes to be before the courts within 6 to 9 months, while young James Ferguson waits in Bordentown unexposed to the adult prison population. If the appeal fails, Ferguson will remain behind bars for the next three decades.


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